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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMMONS).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 10, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROB SIMMONS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. William H. Harter, Pastor, The Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator of the Universe, we praise You this day for the gift of life. You have granted us freedom and established sovereignty in our land by the will of Your people, expressed through those elected to lead.

Bless those who gather here to consider and to act. May they be enlightened by Your wisdom, moved by Your compassion and empowered by zeal for Your justice. Enable them to be faithful to their calling. May trust in You make them unafraid.

We assemble, Lord, in time of war. Unless You watch over the city, the guard stays awake in vain, Psalm 127:1.

Have mercy on us, Lord. Grant Your protecting grace. May Your perfect love cast out fear. Pour out comfort, strength, resolve, confidence, and hope upon this House, upon all who defend freedom, and upon all who humbly seek peace in every place.

In Your holy name. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DOGGETT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING THE REVEREND DR. WILLIAM H. HARTER

(Mr. SHUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome our guest chaplain, the Reverend Dr. William H. Harter from the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring in Chambersburg, Pennsyl-

vania. Reverend Harter is a graduate of Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, and received his master's in education in the social sciences from Harvard University. In addition to his extensive graduate study, he received a Ph.D. in the New Testament from the Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Dr. Harter ministered to the Catskill Mountains community in New York from 1967 to 1977, before becoming minister of the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring in Chambersburg.

In 1977, Dr. Harter and his wife Linda, herself an ordained Presbyterian minister, settled in Chambersburg and have been active members of the community. Not only is Dr. Harter committed to the religious development of his church, he has been active in many organizations, including those devoted to helping the homeless and troubled teenagers, and has been an elementary basketball coach. He is also the current president of the Chambersburg Area United Churches.

In addition to his work in Chambersburg, Dr. Harter has participated in several organizations whose work is focused on Jewish-Christian relations and Middle Eastern affairs. He has traveled extensively in the Middle East, including 36 trips to Israel.

Dr. Harter and his wife are the proud parents of five children and the grandparents of five grandsons. The Harters have been a part of the Chambersburg community for many years, and it is an honor for me to welcome him here to the House of Representatives, and I thank him for his continued dedication to his church, his community, and his country.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain five 1-minutes on each side.

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